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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT
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1. USG FEELS PROBLEM OF BRAZILIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS (REF B) IS IMMEDIATE AT LEAST FOR APPLES AND PEARS. EXPORTERS PLAN TO BEGIN SHIPPING LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER, AND NEED THIRTY DAY LEAD TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE EARLY REPRESENTATIONS AT
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APPROPRIATE LEVELS GOB DRAWING ON FOLLOWING POINTS;

A. USG DISTRESSED THAT FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING PRIOR DEPOSIT, GOB RE-INSTITUTING TARIFF RATE WHICH WAS

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SUPERCEDED BY RATE WHICH US AND GOB NEGOTIATED UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXVIII.

B. ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FINANCING 100 PERCENT PRIOR DEPOSIT SCHEME COULD EFFECTIVELY NEGATE LONG-AWAITED BENEFITS TO U.S. OF BRAZILIAN PROMULGATION OF NEW GATT SCHEDULE OF CONCESSIONS. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO U.S. AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS ARE APPLES, PEARS, GRAPES, DRIED FRUITS, WALNUTS, AND DRIED PEAS.

C. IN LIGHT OF ONGOING US-BRAZIL DIALOGUE, US REGRETS THAT THE GOB DID NOT CONSULT WITH US REGARDING DEPOSIT SCHEME PRIOR TO ENACTMENT DESPITE EFFECT ON U.S.-BRAZIL TRADE, AND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF NOMINAL DUTY ASSESSMENT BASIS WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO US-GOB AGREED CONCESSIONS SCHEDULE.

D. USG FEARS THAT THIS GOB MEASURE WILL SERVE TO DISRUPT NORMAL TRADING PATTERNS, CONTINUING THE PROBLEM CAUSED BY LAST YEAR'S 100 PERCENT DUTY INCREASE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FORWARDING COPIES OF CENTRAL BANK RESOLUTION 331. ROBINSON

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